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**NATIONAL EGG REVIEW**  
Early week prices were unchanged in all locations. During the week, prices in New York were lower on all sizes. Early week trade sentiment was steady, however as the week progressed the trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was in a full range, light to very good, best where holiday feature activity and extreme winter weather stimulated additional activity. Floor stocks were adequate to available. Breaking stock and check and undergrades prices were lower. At the end of the week, demand was moderate to fairly good with supplies irregular, tight to fully adequate. Many breakers were looking for breaking stock for processing after the holiday period. Floor stocks were barely adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were part-time to full-time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Light type hen offers were adequate for the moderate demand. Schedules reduced for this week and full-time for next week. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 4 cents lower for large and 2 cents lower for mediums, with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Retail demand was in a full range of light to very good while loose egg demand was reported as light to moderate. Heavy snowfall in portions of the Midwest have increased retail shell egg inquiries in those locations. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were closely balanced to tight with demand moderate to fairly good for future needs. Supplies tight to fully adequate. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-74	65-71
LARGE	63-73	64-67
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower. Trade sentiment was unsettled to weak entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to good, mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were irregular but usually sufficient for reduced holiday processing schedules. Light type hens were generally sufficient for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-85	73-77
LARGE	66-80	71-75
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

**COMBINED REGIONAL** Dec 17, 2004  
Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	75.00	73.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	74.50	72.50	40.00
MIDWEST	68.00	65.50	35.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	77.50	76.50	41.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	73.90	72.08	39.57

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	12-21-04	12-14-04	12-23-03
Large	45-53	47-55	69-73
Medium	14-19	16-21	50-54

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- DECEMBER 20, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		SO		5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.6	15.3	8.9	14.8	12.5	63.1	
	Change	-1.4	-0.8	-1.6	-0.3	-1.4	-8%	
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.2	49.9	20.0	31.4	39.5	171.0	
	Change	2.2	0.3	1.1	-3.0	3.6	3%	
Large	Curr Wk	67.6	120.9	65.1	129.8	128.7	512.1	
	Change	-1.1	-3.9	-30.0	-40.4	3.2	-12%	
Medium	Curr Wk	17.1	40.1	11.0	21.8	34.6	124.6	
	Change	-0.2	-6.3	-3.4	-3.4	2.2	-8%	
Small	Curr Wk	5.1	8.3	0.7	4.8	10.4	29.3	
	Change	1.1	-0.5	0.1	0.8	1.1	10%	
Misc	Curr Wk	6.5	32.1	9.2	12.6	6.0	66.4	
	Change	0.4	3.8	0.0	-0.9	0.0	5%	
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.0	35.5	23.3	34.5	35.1	147.4	
	Change	-9.2	-11.3	-6.2	-3.8	0.9	-17%	
Total	Curr Wk	157.1	302.1	138.2	249.7	266.8	1113.9	
	Percent Change	-5%	-6%	-22%	-17%	4%	-9%	

**TOTAL** Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1113.9	-9%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	176.1	-13%	35

Total Shell Egg 1290.0 -9% 208  
1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -** W/E 18-DEC-04  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,243,491	29,563	12,245	6,752	2,554	4,502
PW	1,286,728	31,959	11,639	6,655	2,188	4,522
LY	1,208,513	30,297	10,722	5,990	2,243	4,112
% CHG PW	-3	-7	5	1	17	0
% CHG LY	3	-2	14	13	14	9
2004	62,065,004	1,478,118	596,186	322,570	132,429	213,707
2003	58,514,591	1,441,463	525,877	286,275	113,435	208,992
% CHG YTD	6	3	13	13	17	2
			<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>PREVIOUS</b>	<b>LAST</b>	
<b>AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -</b>			<b>WEEK</b>	<b>WEEK</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			42.67	42.57	42.30	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			39.05	39.05	38.90	

**BROILER HATCHERY**

		<u>Broiler Eggs Set,</u>		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed,</u>	
		<u>19 Selected States</u>		<u>19 Selected States</u>	
		Week Ending			
STATE		Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 11	Dec 18
		2004	2004	2004	2004
THOUSAND					
AL	:	29,432	29,952	22,434	21,088
AR	:	30,746	30,766	*24,158	26,068
DE	:	3,854	3,887	5,706	5,570
FL	:	1,359	1,359	1,438	1,501
GA	:	*33,550	33,998	*25,214	26,668
KY	:	*7,107	6,951	*6,091	6,215
LA	:	3,984	3,984	4,074	3,635
MD	:	8,777	8,723	4,852	5,265
MS	:	19,018	19,553	17,334	17,507
NC	:	17,587	18,185	14,584	14,244
OK	:	*6,389	5,984	*5,564	5,288
PA	:	*3,992	4,036	*2,963	2,857
SC	:	4,409	4,485	3,817	4,423
TX	:	15,001	14,566	12,390	12,136
VA	:	6,369	6,408	5,178	5,249
CA, MO, TN, & WV	:	*18,092	18,056	*16,257	15,622
19 State Total	:	*209,666	210,893	*172,054	173,336
Previous Year Total	:	207,313	205,549	166,640	170,414
Pct. of Prev. Year	:	101	103	103	102

\*Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 29-Jan-05 is estimated at 159.0 million head. This compares to 157.9 million head the previous week and to 158.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 152.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.54 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 17, 2004-DEC 22, 2004

LOADS:		CURRENT 92.00		FUTURE 46.50		TOTAL 138.50	
		SE		NE		MW	
CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1		48.00	50.50	47.00	48.45	60.50	47.00
GNR BR 1		--	61.50	--	--	--	--
GL W J		--	--	72.00	73.50	46.50	--
GL W XL		--	62.57	58.50	61.20	40.71	48.50
GL W LG		--	61.84	--	--	58.46	--
GL W MD		34.00	32.60	24.00	25.00	27.00	27.00
GL W SM		23.67	26.00	21.33	23.17	--	--
NRBS - 48		--	--	24.25	25.75	25.84	27.83
NRBS - 39		--	--	21.25	23.14	18.00	20.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 18-Dec-2004

Selected	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
Consuming Centers	(Thousands)		LW	LY
ATLANTA	28.8	26.4	9	-13
BOSTON	3.4	3.1	11	-15
CHICAGO	65.8	60.0	10	3
DETROIT	27.6	36.2	-24	-13
KANSAS CITY	5.3	4.2	24	-10
LOS ANGELES	89.3	88.1	1	-5
NEW ORLEANS	6.7	8.8	-23	-34
NEW YORK	36.9	31.8	16	2
ST. LOUIS	24.2	18.2	33	0
SAN FRANCISCO	21.4	20.1	7	-23
TOTAL	309.5	297.0	4	-4
4 WK MOVING AVG	298.3			

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 18-Dec-2004 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS	
		PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
North East	731	-4	22.11	(A)	731
South Atlantic	562	-8	37.56	(A)	562
North Central	1,989	0	32.61	(A)	1,989
South Central	515	-16	21.07	(A)	515
West	433	-13	20.84	(A)	433
U.S. total	4,230(B)	-5	28.84	0	4,230
To-date					
2004	217,872(B)		353	218,225	
To-date					
2003	237,124(B)		597	237,721	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 26,000; for the current year to date 2,537,000; for last year to date 3,120,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 18-Dec-2004

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	TURKEYS	
	Thousands				
Head	1,727	2,477	26	0	4,230
Avg Wt	15.41	38.26	24.19	0.00	28.84
Last week	1,850	2,571	46	1	4,468
Same wk yr ago	2,490	2,747	13	1	5,251
Avg Wt	15.62	35.44	24.33	52.41	26.02
To-date/2004	87,237	128,098	2,537	353	218,225
To-date/2003	95,954	138,050	3,120	597	237,721

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 18-Dec-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	159,224	1,499	1,462	2,961	540
Avg Wt	5.22	3.26	7.87	5.54	6.75
Last week	159,818	1,534	1,403	2,937	523
Same wk yr ago	154,431	1,340	1,509	2,849	440
Avg Wt	5.34	3.72	7.84	5.90	7.08
To-date/2004	7,829,779	68,411	68,047	136,458	23,659
To-date/2003	7,692,409	70,798	70,184	140,982	20,704

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.2 million head, or 6.9 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Dec-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/25/04(1)	12/18/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	128,618(2)	170,324
Light hens	1,188	1,441
Heavy hens	1,163	1,455
Total	130,969	173,220

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Dec-04 is 152.1 million head compared to 114.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 128.9 million head or 23.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 01-Jan-05 the estimated available is 152.6 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/  
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
November 13	163.9	159.1	103%	5.30
20	158.0	154.1	103%	5.28
27	119.1	153.1	78%	5.27
December 4	164.6	155.3	106%	5.41
11	161.8	155.8	104%	5.21
18	161.2	154.3	104%	5.22
Year to date	7925.0	8041.9	99%	
December 25		152.1		
January 1		152.6		

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER** Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 20-DEC-2004 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		LDS	COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.93	38 :	63.66	64
Los Angeles	80.00	77.98	58 :	74.50	121
New York	63.00-65.00	64.18	28 :	64.86	61

**COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

Change from			
20-DEC-2004	13-DEC-2004	13-DEC-2004	22-DEC-2003
68.26	.26	68.00	65.74
NUMBER OF LOADS	538		

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS	73-75	-	-	-
EASTERN REGION 3/	75	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/		-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	67	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	68	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -** Selected Centers  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	12/20/04	3,530	56,616	59,164
AM	12/01/04	3,806	66,595	60,214
CHG		-276	-9979	-1050
PCT CHG		-7%	-15%	-2%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 20-Dec-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	11.92
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	8-15 CENTS/LB.	10.75-11.5	11.30

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

**LIGHT TYPE** Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

REMOVAL COST		
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-9	7-9
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-5	2-5

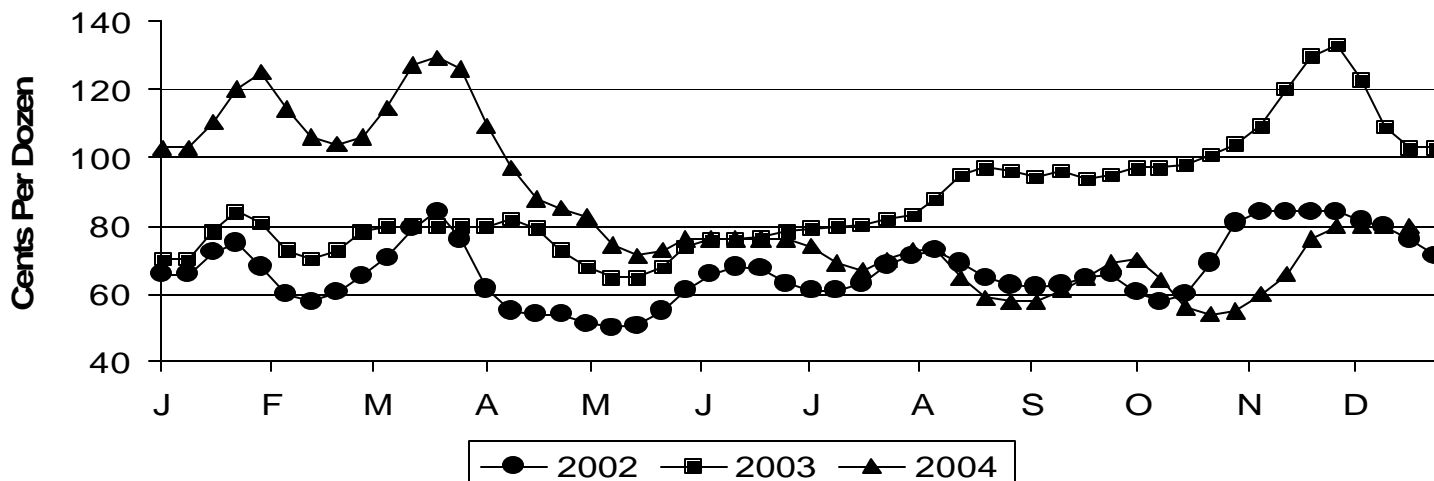
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

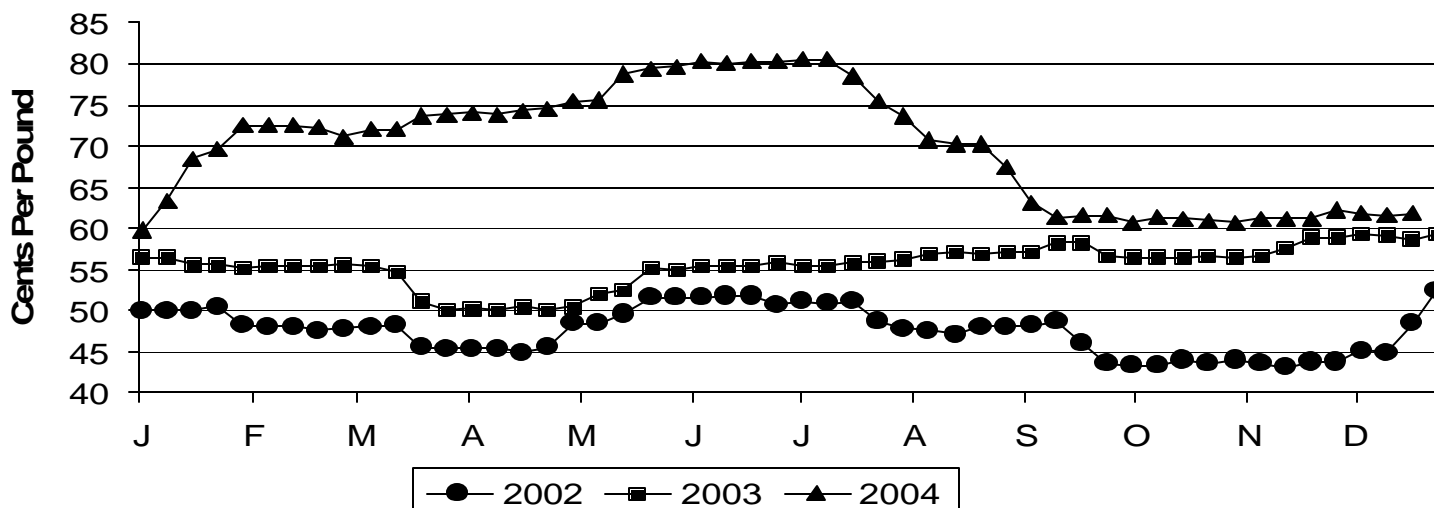
W/E 18-Dec-04	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW LY
North Atlantic	265.1	-1 26
East North Central	629.6	5 5
West North Central	297.9	4 -4
South Atlantic	233.8	-3 19
South Central	72.1	0 3
West	191	-3 3
Total	1689.5	2 7
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week 86
		Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)  
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)  
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)  
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

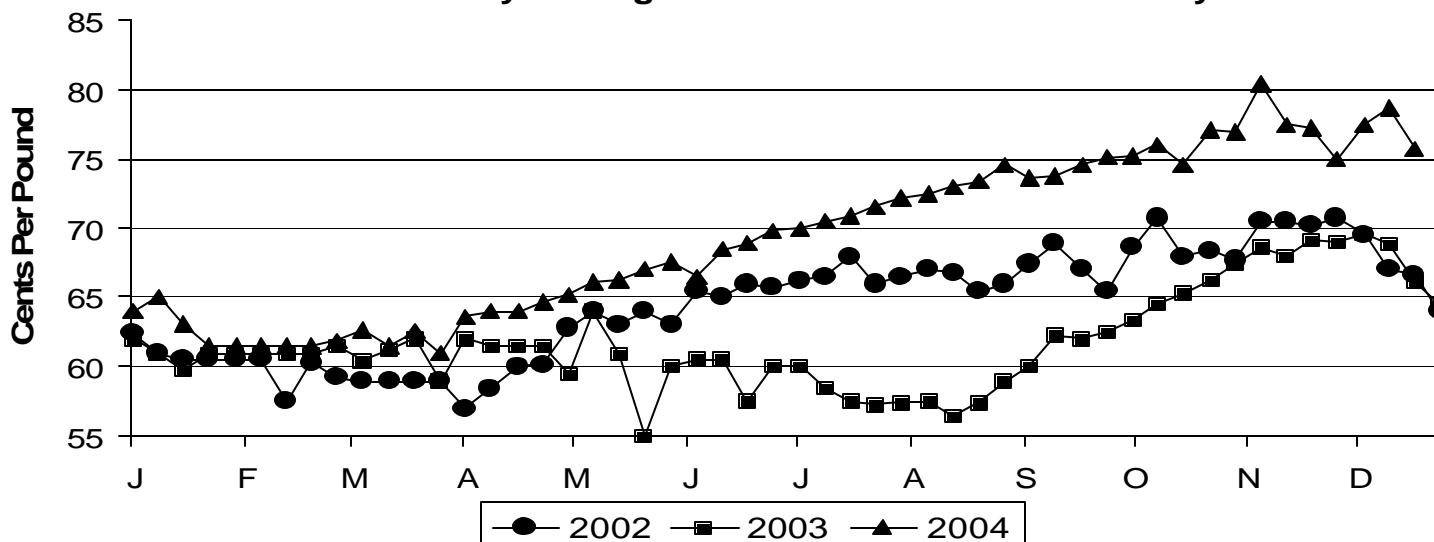
### New York Large Weekly Average Price



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



### Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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